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State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "Look up a healthcare provider license" in the "How Do I?" section of the Department of Health home page (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Clark County

In August 2012 the Department of Health ordered **Benjamin Jeanotte** to cease-and-desist practicing as a massage practitioner without a license. He was also fined \$1,000.

Cowlitz County

In September 2012, the Secretary of Health indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Gabriel Wyman Vivian** (NC60183666). In November 2011, he tested positive for oxymorphone, a controlled substance. His credential is expired but is eligible for renewal. In April 2012, the U.S. Army revoked his eligibility to practice as an EMT and the National Registry Emergency Medical Technician Program revoked his EMS certification.

King County

In August 2012 the Department of Health suspended the credential of midwife **Pamela A. Golliet** (MW00000296) for three years. Golliet provided care below the standard for a practicing

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midwife while delivering a baby, treating the mother, and during post-partum care for both. Her credential had been on probation related to an earlier incident of substandard care.

In August 2012 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the credential of massage therapist **Bruce A. Klein** (MA00006772). He's ordered to complete a psycho-sexual evaluation and any required treatment before seeking reinstatement of his credential. He touched a patient inappropriately during a massage therapy session.

In August 2012 the Secretary of Health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Monica Wamjlru Ragui** (NA60107878) for at least five years. Her credential was expired but eligible for renewal. In April 2011 the Department of Social and Health Services found that she neglected a nursing home resident. Ragui may not be employed in the care of vulnerable adults.

In August 2012 the Medical Commission dismissed all charges and publicly exonerated physician **Jeong H. Kim** (MD00036606).

In August 2012 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Noreen T. Piano** (RN00111291). Her credential was expirved but eligible for renewal. She failed to comply with a substance abuse monitoring program.

Kitsap County

In August 2012 the Secretary of Health indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Monique D. Williams** (NA00158554). Her credential was expired but eligible for renewal. In April she pleaded guilty to attempting to elude a pursuing police vehicle, vehicular assault, and driving under the influence.

Pierce County

In August 2012 veterinary technician **Tamme J. Hirtzel** (AT00000764) agreed to surrender her credential to the Veterinary Board of Governors and will no longer be able to practice as a veterinary technician in Washington. She diverted about 1,700 Tussigon pills, a controlled substance, for her own use. She also was found guilty of driving while under the influence, and reckless driving.

In August 2012 the Health Care Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of health care assistant **Jennifer D. Woolery** (HC60259211) for failing to comply with an agreement to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program.

Snohomish County

In August 2012 the Secretary of Health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Bobbie Jean Scholle** (NA60075713) for at least five years. Her credential was expired but eligible for renewal. In December 2011, she was found guilty of second-degree theft and third-degree assault felonies in Superior Court.

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Spokane County

In August 2012 the Secretary of Health indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Nina N. Dashkovska** (NA60016852) for failing to comply with a required substance abuse evaluation. Her credential was expired but eligible for renewal.

Thurston County

In August 2012 the Occupational Therapy Practice Board lifted a July suspension of occupational therapy assistant **Sandra M. Severin** (OC60002595), fined her \$1,000, and ordered that she submit quarterly progress reports for two years. Severin was suspended from practicing as an occupational therapy assistant in California for failing to comply with terms of a testing program.

Walla Walla County

In August 2012 the Secretary of Health suspended emergency medical technician **Blaine M. McCubbins** (ES01174209) for at least three years and reprimanded him for assaulting his pregnant girlfriend. In Febrary 2012 McCubbins was found guilty of second-degree felony assault-domestic violence for punching and kicking his pregnant girlfriend.

Yakima County

In August 2012 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Kimberly K. Martinez** (LPN.LP00054708) for failing to comply with an agreed order to complete an approved nursing refresher course.

Out of State

Oregon: In August 2012 the Secretary of Health suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Rogeanna Sue Hug** (NC10091783) for at least 36 months. In October 2011 the Department of Social and Health Services found that she neglected a nursing home resident. She may not be employed in the care of vulnerable adults.

Oregon: In August 2012 the Medical Commission lifted a suspension for physician **Jeffrey S. Pierson** (MD00041338), placed his credential on probation for four years, and fined him \$2,000. Pierson's Oregon medical license was suspended in January 2012. His Washington license was suspended in February due to that action. The terms of his probation include receiving counseling, taking coursework on professional boundaries, and annual clinical practice reviews.

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